

### REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are currently pending in this application. The Office has rejected claims 1, 2, and 5 under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Saito et al. (U.S. Pat. Appl. 2001/0014870) in view of Dickson et al. (U.S. Pat. Appl. 2002/0138345). Claims 3, 4, 7-11, 19, and 20 have been rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Saito and Dickson in view of Waters et al. (U.S. Pat. Appl. 2002/0008626). Finally, claims 6, 12, and 18 have been rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Saito and Dickson in view of Treyz et al. (U.S. Pat. 6,587,835). This is a non-final Office action and is responsive to Applicant's communication filed on or before November 30, 2005.

#### Amendments to the Claims

Applicant requests that amendments to the claims be entered into the application. No new subject matter is being added. Support for the amendments is found in the specification, e.g., on page 18, lines 3-10.

#### Rejection of Claims 1-22

The rejections of claim 1-22 are moot in view of the current amendments. The prior art references do not contain the elements of the newly amended claims. Therefore, the claims are allowable over the prior art of record.

## CONCLUSION

Applicant asks that the Office reconsider this application and allow all pending claims. Please charge any fees that might be due, excluding the issue fee, to deposit account 14-0225.

Respectfully submitted,

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